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A WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

Even Irvin S. Cobb, whose description of the Colorado canon and the great western country has been the delight of millions of readers, would pause for adjectives should he attempt to make a comprehensive picture of the North Carolina mountains which lift their high peaks only a short distance from Hickory. Ruskin would have enjoyed the vision that is presented from Blowing Rock; indeed this artistic Englishman would have made this section famous for all time. Landscapes, sunsets, hills and valleys—and even liquid streams shimmering in the distance—all these may be observed from the Blowing Rock hotel.

And the country from Hickory to Blowing Rock is equally as delightful to the eye. Our typewriter halts when we offer to attempt a cursory description of this wonderful country. Nearly all of our readers have seen it, and it will not be new to them, but to the person making his first journey from Hickory to Blowing Rock, the country leaves mental pictures upon which the mind may dwell enraptured for days and weeks and months. What a delightful country to be known of by a comparative few, when millions of people should know Blowing Rock.

Starting from Hickory in an automobile, one passes from the piedmont to within 25 miles of the highest peak east of the Rocky mountains in a few hours. As one's machine makes the ascent up a splendidly maintained highway, he passes thriving villages, pretty farms, with cows grazing along the streams, and trees at this season loaded with apples. Farther along the mountains are reached, and here is where real enjoyment comes.

The prospect spread out before one cannot be pictured. Below deep ravines, above hills almost perpendicular, other peaks rising in the far distance, on all sides chestnut trees loaded with nuts ready to fall at the approach of frost, waterfalls plunging down ravines, and trees slowly changing their dresses of green for the colors of autumn. The sharp curves in the road make one hold his breath, but the highway is firm and the automobile is sure.

On top of the mountain—in Blowing Rock—one observes scores of pretty bungalows, many imposing homes and several residences almost palatial in their architecture. The Cone and Stringfellow estates are almost as beautiful as Biltmore, though not so expensive.

From the Blowing Rock hotel, which sits upon a plateau, one may look across the mountains and see old Grandfather, a few miles away; may get a vision of Mount Mitchell in the hazy distance 25 miles as the aeroplane flies; see smaller ranges, silver streams, and roads threading through the hills. When we visited those wonders, a haze was on the hills, but the air usually is so clear that at night the guests may see the lights twinkling in Morganton.

If only there was a railroad line from Hickory to Blowing Rock, if only that remarkable country could get the advertising it deserves, and if the rest of the world only knew what the Blowing Rock section is, it would rival the Alps in attracting tourists and surpass even our great Rockies in interesting Americans.

BELT LINE NEEDED.

The city of Hickory is growing rapidly. Suburbs are springing up around the already thriving suburb of Hickory, and others will come as the demand increases for factory sites. With the great hydro-electric plant less than twenty miles from here, with electric current plentiful and cheap, there ought to be hundreds of available factory sites in and around Hickory. Of course the tax rate ought to be low enough to attract corporations to the city, but even the tax rate is secondary to good locations.

A belt line for Hickory would enable the prospective manufacturer to select his site and obtain railroad facilities. There are said to be very few suitable sites in the city. Then why not a belt line?

The Record does not know how to go about securing a belt line, but the wide-awake citizens of Hickory do know. Some have told us that the

proposition would pay handsomely, and in addition increase the wealth of this section.

The Record hopes that those business men who have been giving this matter consideration will encounter enough encouragement in Hickory to make a belt line a reality. It would help every business house in the city.

DOLLAR DAY TALK.

Next Monday will be Dollar Day with the Record. At that time it will contain the special announcements of not only wide-awake merchants of Hickory, but of the banks and other organizations which are helping this city to push forward. Dollar Day will be held Thursday, October 7, but the announcements will be made in time for every person in this entire section to read them and govern himself accordingly. Our advice to Record readers is to hold on to Monday's paper, study it carefully, and then to come to Hickory merchants with your mind made up as to what you want to purchase. Have your dollar or dollars where you can get to them. Dollar Day will be an event in Hickory, and as such will attract thousands to the city. Be here early.

The movement for moonlight schools grows, and it is believed that the month of November will witness more activity in eliminating adult literacy than has been seen in the last few years. Every man, woman and child in North Carolina deserves an opportunity to learn to read and write, and the public-spirited school teachers will see that this opportunity is afforded. We cannot eradicate illiteracy without recognizing it as an evil, as Mr. W. C. Crosby told the university students. North Carolinians must be afforded an opportunity to improve their condition.

When all the repairs are made on our workshop and the million are so flies are frozen out by the weather, the Record is hopeful of delivering a few general remarks on the subject of sanitation. Although we hate flies, especially when they light on our ankles when the A. P. stuff comes over the telephone, we haven't the nerve to say much about them until our sanctum is reasonably free of them.

It is said that Mr. J. B. Duke and the Southern Power Company are contemplating electric railways in this section of the state. We do not know; but we do know that electric lines will be in operation in this country in a few years—they are bound to come—and that will touch a country as rich in scenery and natural resources as was ever made for the edification and nourishment of man.

The Columbia State observes that it's getting to be a rare day when old King Cotton doesn't take the ball around the end for about sixty yards, or as Hon. Sam McCall of Massachusetts would put it, "catch a hot liner and run for a touchdown." Anyway just so she scores.

It seems like the corporation commission increased the assessments just as the tide of prosperity came welling in. That's what Uncle Tom Lee would call luck, especially since he must go before the people next year.

What will the sculptors do with Hindenburg, Mackensen, French and Joffre and even Rusky and Ivanoff? They are heroes in war, but they would not look very heroic in an automobile.

The capture of 20,000 unrounded Confederate soldiers would have meant the end of the War Between the Sections.

Has anybody suggested that France will be unwilling to feed those 20,000 hefty Germans?

"Roped and Tied." The men engaged in cutting off the ends of protruding ties on the elevated railway were explicitly instructed, for the sake of innocent passersby on the street below, never to allow a piece of tie to fall to the street without a rope attached to it, says the New York Evening Post.

One day, as the end of a tie was sawed off, the man on the job threw the rope, tie and all into the street.

"Hi, there, what'er you doin'?" yelled an indignant foreman.

"He told me not to let anything drop to the street without a rope attached," rejoined the man in a surly tone.

"Well, ain't I obeyin' orders?"

PRESS COMMENT

Danger!

High Point Enterprise. Editor Farabee, of the Hickory Record, protests against the Vienna government sending Gejtan von Marczyński as ambassador to this country. Farabee is evidently fearful that too much Gejtan Marczyński will pi up his linotype.

Pittsburg's Tax Reform.

State Journal, Raleigh. Some time ago Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, which is one of the greatest industrial and productive centers in the world, revised its tax system so as to gradually liberate its industries and place most of its taxes on its land or site values, which values are created by the public and not by the owners. As might be expected, this reform met vigorous opposition from the owners of these highly valuable sites. Commenting on the subject, The Saturday Evening Post recently said: Formerly Pittsburg had a lovely system of taxation that put a premium on holding city land vacant and unimproved, and penalized the man who rashly improved a bit of land by building a home on it. So long as the land was held vacant and grew up to weeds it might palm itself off as agricultural property and take only half the tax rate imposed on a workman's home. The inexpediency of this system was persistently pointed out. It was urged that doubling a man's tax rate because he improved his land was a poor way to induce improvement; but we do not remember anybody's arguing that this inexpedient tax system would ruin the city, drive capital to suicide, paralyze enterprise, and destroy our most cherished American institutions. It was a poor way of taxing realty; but that a city would continue to grow in spite of it and the palladium of our liberties manage to maintain a perpendicular position nobody seemed seriously to doubt. In correcting this old system Pittsburg put the emphasis on the other side, where it plainly belongs. That city provided that, by slow steps, extending over a series of years, the tax rate on improvements should be reduced to half that on land. The new system went into effect only a year ago; so improvements, as yet, enjoy only a ten per cent advantage over land. Already we find this new system denounced in bitter and sweeping terms, as visibly bearing the seeds of universal ruin and destruction. So distressing the clamor against it that the last legislature would have repealed the law if the governor had not intervened. Touch the city landlord with only the tip of a finger, and a spasm runs through the conservative body politic.

Ready For It.

He was traveling in the south and had to put up over night at a second-rate hotel in western Georgia, relates the Argonaut. He said to the clerk when he entered: "Where shall I autograph?"

"Yes, sign my name, you know." "Oh, right here."

As he was signing his name in the register in came three fellows immediately recognizable as Georgia "crackers." One of them advanced to the clerk.

"Will you autograph?" asked the clerk, his face aglow with the pleasure that comes from the consciousness of intellectual superiority.

"Certainly," said the "cracker," his face no less radiant than that of the clerk; "mine's rye."

A Reasonable Advance.

There is a young author in Baltimore who is determined to achieve fame in the writing line if it takes his whole life, says Harper's Magazine. Accordingly, he is even willing to defray the cost of putting on the market the numerous novels he writes from year to year.

On the occasion of his last visit to his publisher, however, he was somewhat vexed, a rather unusual thing for him. "Why," asked he, "do you charge me more this time than before?"

"Well," said the publisher, with the utmost frankness, "the compositors were constantly falling asleep over your last novel."

SENT ON TO COURT FOR SELLING MIXTURE

Will Morrison and Everett Horton, both colored, were convicted in recorder's court yesterday afternoon of false pretenses; they having concocted a drink made of kerosene oil and soap suds and palmed it off on three young white men for liquor. Recorder Campbell bound them over to court in bonds of \$100 each. One put up the cash last evening and the other expected to get out of jail today.

Tom Smith and David Holmes contributed \$5 and \$1 respectively to the city coffers for engaging in a fight.

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State hours

Nights.
(Put a cross after the two nights you prefer, with hour of opening and closing.)

	Night	Hour
Monday	-----	-----
Tuesday	-----	-----
Wednesday	-----	-----
Thursday	-----	-----
Friday	-----	-----
Saturday	-----	-----
Sunday	-----	-----

The executive committee of the library think they can raise considerable revenue for buying new books through the sale of old papers that have accumulated in homes and offices and will appreciate it very much if all persons having such papers will notify Mr. A. K. Joy, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, of such papers; and they will be gathered and sold for the benefit of the library. Flat magazines, such as the Saturday Evening Post, can also be sold.

Hub Theatre Today

"Man Overboard," Comedy.

"The Other Man's Wife," Drama.

"The Thief in the Night," Drama.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bolick, yesterday, a girl.



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Cause for Tears.

The conversation in a club the other night turned to the question of law and legal lights, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, when this little incident was recalled:

During the trial of a civil case in the west some time ago a lawyer named Smith made an impassioned appeal to the jury, in which at one point he referred to himself.

"My inheritance," he dramatically exclaimed, "is all I have on earth. It is the only inheritance that I can leave to my children."

A minute or so later a brother lawyer in the court room was observed to be sobbing softly.

"Why, Jones!" exclaimed a friend in surprise, "what in the world is the matter? What are you sobbing about?"

"I can't help it," was the tearful rejoinder of Jones. "It makes me sad to think of what a small inheritance Smith's children will have."

Providence Journal says 80 per cent of Germany's submarines have been destroyed. Wasn't that the paper Herr Ridder did not know existed?—Wall Street Journal.

Young Men, Bank Your Money

Many young men in this vicinity are handicapped in a business way because they have no bank account. Salaried young people can lay by money by paying their personal bills with a check. Open such an account here—now.

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